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SPEAKER: Senator Koch, did you wish to speak?

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to support the attempt by Senator Cavanaugh to once again place before this body this serious need at UNO, and that is for an athletic program for the women who attend the institution. I, also, believe that there were those absent the other day who would have been sympathetic with this program, and realize the values to be received from this program. Therefore, I earnestly encourage Senator Maresh and others who are concerned about the great state of Nebraska to be as well concerned about UNO and the athletic endeavors and the education programs and particularly this program. When we talk about Title IX, we are talking about a program that demands that if you are going to offer athletic programs for one particular group of people such as young men, then you must also offer an equal and separate program for those young women who are seeking to engage in athletic endeavors. Therefore, I urgently request your support of this amendment.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Obviously...Senator Cavanaugh, have you got two amendments on this proposition? OK, I don't want to talk on this one.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: A question of Senator Cavanaugh.

SPEAKER: Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR MURPHY: Senator, your motion is to achieve an equality between the male and the female programs.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: No.

SENATOR MURPHY: It is not?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: It is to provide a quality program for the females.

SENATOR MURPHY: I thought it was that you were trying to achieve some semblance of balance between the male and the female programs at the University.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well, I would find that probably desirable but I don't think my amendment would necessarily achieve that.

SENATOR MURPHY: Well, I was hoping, possibly, if we have administrators over there, they could achieve that by balancing the program. Is it necessary that we must always grab the bottom one and drag them up or could somebody maybe somewhere along the line balance the dollars they have to do what they should do.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: My preference is to grab the bottom one and drag them up rather than grab the top one and drag them down but we have often disagreed on that, Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Well, I am afraid we are going to disagree